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SUBJECT: INPA ARTICLE ON US-ZAIRE RELATIONS

1. SUMMARY: NEWS AGENCY SAYS THERE WAS NO CIA PLOT AGAINST MOBUTO GOVERNMENT, BUT AMB. HINTON WAS "SACRIFICED ON ALTAR OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY." DEVLIN IS DESCRIBED AS LONGTIME CIA OFFICIAL, WITH EXPERIENCE IN CONGOLESE AFFAIRS, WHO IS NEVERTHELESS WELCOMED BY MOBOTU.

2. PARIS-BASED INTERNATIONAL NEW PRESS AGENCY (INPA) IN WEEKLY MAILED NEWS BULLETIN FOR AFRICAN CLIENTS (ENGLISH VERSION) DATED OCTOBER 23, LEADS WITH 3-PAGE STORY TITLED, "KISSINGER BUYS MOBUTU'S FAVOR." FRENCH VERSION OF BULLETIN DOES NOT CARRY STORY THIS WEEK.

3. EXCERPTS: "IT IS BECOMING CLEAR THAT AMBASSADOR HINTON WAS SACRIFICED ON ALTAR OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND THERE NEVER WAS ANY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
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AGENCY (CIA) INVOLVEMENT IN ANY PLOT -- IF THERE WAS

A PLOT AT ALL. NEVERTHELESS, MISTAKE OF SENDING MAN NEW TO AFRICA TO BE AMBASSADOR TO ZAIRE -- RESULT OF U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S OWN LACK OF INTEREST AND KNOWLEDGE OF CONTINENT -- WILL PROBABLY COST U.S. WELL IN EXCESS OF \$60 MILLION IN ITS ATTEMPT TO BUY BACK GOOD FAITH WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU SESE SEKO....

4. "RELATIONS BETWEEN (HINTON) AND PRESIDENT MOBUTU REACHED A RECORD LOW EBB. TO REPAIR DAMAGE, US DECIDED TO SEND BACK TO KINSHASA MAN WHO MADE THEIR POLICY IN ZAIRE WORK SO WELL HE WAS FINALLY AN 'EMINENCE GRISE' IN COUNTRY'S CORRIDORS OF POWER.

5. "THAT MAN WAS LAWRENCE R. (LARRY) DEVLIN, NOW JUST PAST 50, CAREER CIA MAN WHO SPENT MOST OF 1960'S RUNNING WHAT WERE THEN CONGO AFFAIRS. HE HAD BEEN FIRST SENT TO CONGO IN 1960 AND BY JUNE 1965 WAS CIA BOSS IN CONGO CAPITAL AT TIME WHEN MOBUTU SEIZED POWER....

6. "DEVLIN...HAD BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH MAN WHO KIDNAPPED MR. TSHOMBE....

7. "IN 1970 MR. DEVLIN RETURNED TO US WHERE HE SUCCEEDED ARCHIBALD ROOSEVELT AS HEAD OF CIA OPERATIONS IN AFRICA.

8. (SECTION FOLLOWS ABOUT DEVLIN'S LATER EMPLOYMENT BY MAURICE TEMPELSMAN, DESCRIBED A CIA PROPRIETARY WITH LINKS TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN INSTITUTE.)

9. "ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT MOBUTU ACCUSED CIA OF MASTER-

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MINDING JUNE PLOT AGAINST HIM AND ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAD NO PERSONAL DOUBTS OF MR. DEVLIN'S CIA ROLE...MR. DEVLIN WAS ALLOWED TO STAY IN ZAIRE WHILE MR. HINTON WAS EXPELLED.

9. "US' NEED TO MAINTAIN BASE IN ZAIRE--CONTROL OF COPPER AND POTENTIAL CONTROL OF MAJOR ANGOLA-CABINDA OIL DEPOSITS--IS, HOWEVER, GOING TO COST US PLENTY, AND ALSO IN BACKING FOR ANGOLAN NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FNLA).

10. (SECTIONS FOLLOW ON GLOOMY USAID OUTLOOK FOR ZAIRE ECONOMY AND ON MOBUTU'S EXTRAVAGANT LIFESTYLE.)

11. (REGARDING VANCE VISITS AND TANZANIA KIDNAPPINGS)
"PRESIDENT MOBUTU WAS RESTRAINED FROM GOING IN WITH SHOW OF FORCE, LIKELY TO HAVE COST LIVES OF STUDENTS, BUT HE DEMANDED--AND GOT--SACKING OF US AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA BEVERLEY (SIC) CARTER, WHO AS INVOLVED IN RANSOM DEAL FOR STUDENTS, ARRANGED BY STANFORD UNIVER-
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SITY OF CALIFORNIA REPRESENTATIVES." (END OF ARTICLE)

12. ARTICLE IS NOT SIGNED AND ONLY ATTRIBUTION FOR ANY FACTS IS "STATE DEPARTMENT SOURCES." IT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CLIENTS IN ENGLISH-SPEAKING AFRICA AS SOON AS MAILS ARRIVE.

13. AIRMAILING COPIES OF FULL ARTICLE TO ZAIRE, DEPARTMENT, AND USIA.
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